

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 137

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ida Ruth Collier  
Partridge of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ida Ruth Collier  
Partridge of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Ida Partridge was an exemplary public servant and consummate  
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in  
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Chattanooga native, Ida Partridge graduated from Howard High School  
and attended Clark College in Atlanta. She received her master's degree in Elementary  
Guidance and Counseling from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Partridge served with acumen and alacrity as an educator with the  
Chattanooga public school system for thirty-five years; her areas of expertise included home  
economics, elementary and middle school curriculum, social studies, and art education; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational and beloved educator whose personal warmth and  
professional commitment enriched the lives of her students, Ida Partridge helped design an  
award-winning international curriculum, filmed in Hong Kong, titled "Careers Going Global,"  
which introduced students to Americans living and working overseas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Partridge was a member of numerous professional and civic  
organizations, including the Chattanooga Teachers Association, the Tennessee Education  
Association, the National Education Association, the Retired Teachers Association, and Alpha  
Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, she was a devout member of The Church of Christ, which she served  
faithfully for many years in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Partridge was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always  
endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a true family matriarch, Ida Partridge was the proud mother of Dr. Chrystal Partridge, Lamar Partridge, Joseph Partridge, Alvin Partridge, and Adrien Partridge; the adoring grandmother of JeVata Partridge, Dr. JeNita Partridge, Julian Partridge, Renitta Partridge, Chrystal Williams, Joseph Partridge, Tiffany Partridge, Alvin Partridge, Lauren Partridge, Dr. Stephanie Moss, Anjelica Robinson, and Keri Shealy; the loving great-grandmother of Noah Shealy, Christian Woods, Deltric Malone, Delea Partridge, Jayden Partridge, Isaiah Jackson, DeShaun Pugh, Reagan Pugh, Isaiah Partridge, and Brooklyn Partridge; and the devoted great-great-grandmother of five great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her cousin, Eddye Jones; her nieces and nephews, Emmitt James, Denzella Biggers, Stanley Maffett, Marva Maffett, William Maffett, Reginald Maffett, Fabra Smith, Jessica Collier, Myron Collier, Yvette Adams, James Adams, Alaino Cann, Chandrea Cann, Travis James, Carla James, Camille James, Talise Browning, Carol Moore, Anthony Partridge, and Myra Eberhart; her sister-in-law, Sue Partridge; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Ida Partridge leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ida Ruth Collier Partridge, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Partridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.